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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Hooman A. Asbaghi, for SELF-SHEATHING DENTAL NEEDLE comprising twenty-one (21) pages of specification and claims, and a signed Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition.

Enclosed also are:

<u>X</u>	three (3) sheets of drawings.
	A Certified copy of an application.
	An Associate Power of Attorney.
<u>X</u>	A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status for an Independent Inventor Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
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I hereby certify that this utility Patent Application, including claims and drawings, in the name of Hooman A. Asbaghi, for SELF-SHEATHING DENTAL NEEDLE, a Declaration, Power of Attorney, and Petition, a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status for an Independent Inventor, and Check No. 13101 in the amount of \$355.00 are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above in an envelope addressed to Box Patent Application, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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